



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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MINUTES

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

May 6, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Enoch City Offices

900 E. Midvalley Rd., Enoch UT

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Rob Dotson
Mr. Steve Platt
Mr. Kit Wareham
Mr. Shayne Scott
Mr. Stoney Shugart

REPRESENTING:

Enoch City Manager
Iron County
Cedar City
Parowan City
Kanarraville Town

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE BY PHONE

Mr. Monte Aldridge

REPRESENTING

Utah Dept. of Transportation

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mayor Connie Robinson
Mr. Tom Stratton

REPRESENTING:

Paragonah Town
Brian Head Town

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Dave Demas

REPRESENTING:

Five County Assoc. of Governments

I. Quorum Declaration

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shayne Scott in the absence of Mr. Tom Stratton. Mr. Scott welcomed all present and declared there was a quorum present.

II. Approve Minutes for March 4, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Steve Platt, seconded by Mr. Stoney Shugart, to approve the March 4, 2015 Minutes of the Iron County Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (ICRTAC).

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



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III. Project Discussion

A. Westview Drive

Mr. Demas reported that at the last RTEC meeting Commissioner Miller expressed concerns about Westview Drive and asked that it be discussed and possibly put on a project list. Mr. Demas remarked that if there was a concern perhaps there should be a concept report completed. He asked for input from Mr. Wareham and Mr. Platt about the road. A short discussion ensued regarding the width of the road, the alignment and traffic patterns. Mr. Platt and Mr. Wareham will put together a concept report so the project can be added to the prioritization list in the fall.

IV. Highway Safety DVD

The committee viewed a short Federal Highway video entitled “Highway Safety and Trees – The Delicate Balance”. Mr. Demas recently viewed the video and felt that it was informative and might be a good video to show council members or others when dealing with roads. The DVD is available for anyone to use or a copy can be made if needed. Mr. Demas felt the video identified issues in line with UDOT’s zero fatalities efforts. A short discussion ensued regarding the challenges encountered when planning roadways and landscape medians and examples of accidents that have occurred in Iron and Washington Counties. Mr. Demas added that it is not just trees that present roadside hazards, power poles and other obstructions in rural areas are a challenge as well. He noted that there are standards for clear zones that need to be met. If there are objects in these clear zones, there is a concern of local entities being held liable if an accident occurs.

V. Discussion – Belt Route Alignment

Mr. Erickson was not in attendance to update the committee on the belt route alignment. It was agreed that the discussion item would remain on the agenda for the next few months.

Mr. Platt stated that he did not have any new information regarding the alignment but felt it was important for the committee to continue the discussion. He added that he has spoken informally with the BLM regarding the need for the RPO, the Commissioners and the BLM to all meet together at least one time to discuss the alignment. He hopes to schedule a meeting in the next month or two.

Mr. Demas handed out a map that identifies the belt route alignment proposed by Mr. Erickson with a light yellow-green line. The blue line indicates another possible



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location that Mr. Demas identified. He felt that this blue alignment might accommodate the frontage roads near the interstate better. It appears that with the yellow-green alignment the frontage roads may connect too closely to the interchange which could cause problems in the future as the area develops. Mr. Platt agreed and noted that the intersection would need to be moved. Mr. Demas remarked that it was his understanding that UDOT's standard spacing from the ramps to the first intersection off the freeway is around 1,300 feet. Mr. Aldridge confirmed that the distance is typically 1,320 feet but there are times when it may be shorter if there are no other options.

VI. UDOT Report

Mr. Aldridge did not have any new information to report.

VII. Other Discussion Items

A. Proposed Tax Revenue

Mr. Demas distributed a copy of a spreadsheet prepared with the help of Mr. Myron Lee from Five County AOG that analyzes estimated revenues for the additional fuel tax and the local option sales tax. Some of the data was derived from UDOT's information but most of it came from the Utah League of City and Towns projections. Mr. Demas provided a quick overview of the data and a short discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the counties imposing the local sales tax.

- B. Mr. Demas informed the committee that he received an e-mail from Mr. Walt Steinvorth from UDOT asking if the RPO would be commenting on their Long Range Plan (LRP). The link that Mr. Steinvorth sent to him for the LRP consists mostly of the rural planned road projects for next 20-30 years. The plan is located on UDOT's website; Mr. Demas can send the link to the plan if anyone would like it. The site provides an interactive map where plans and comments can be reviewed. All phases of the plan and short, medium and long range projects are included.

Mr. Demas distributed a copy of a list of comments that he prepared. If the committee approves the comments, he would like to submit the list to Mr. Steinvorth. His comments include projects that are on the RPO's priority list that may need to be on UDOT's LRP. He asked the committee to review the list and provide input or additional comments. He will add them to the list and send them to UDOT to see if they will include them in their plan. Mr. Demas noted he



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did include a comment regarding the Parowan interchange updates. The Enoch and Kanarraville interchanges are listed on the LRP. He added that the comment period is closed but Mr. Steinvorth will accept additional comments if sent directly to him via e-mail.

Mr. Platt referenced item #4 on the comment list regarding the support of bike routes on SR-143. He asked if the RPO is supporting the bike routes. Mr. Demas confirmed that the RPO project priority list does include an item supporting the bike lanes. Mr. Platt was concerned about bikes on such a narrow road. It was agreed that the road would need widening and major reconstruction. Mr. Demas noted that there were a number of comments on the interactive map that echoed the same concerns about the bike routes.

C. Next meeting will be held on July 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in Iron County.

VIII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Rob Dotson, seconded by Mr. Steve Platt, to adjourn the meeting.

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